

CENTRAL VALLEY FLOOD PROTECTION BOARD EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

November 18, 2016



OPERATIONS BRANCH Status Report and Work Activities

Enforcement Section

1. Local Maintaining Agency (LMA) Coordination

- A USACE Levee Screening Oversight Group (LSOG) (USACE headquarters level) meeting occurred during last week of October. At this meeting, the LSOG confirmed the Levee Safety Action Classification for levee segments in nine levee systems sponsored by CVFPB. Staff coordinated with LMA staff and USACE's Levee Screening team to prepare for and attend the meeting.

USACE Levee Screening program overview: USACE is currently applying a screening tool to all levees in the program. This tool combines inspection data with a preliminary engineering assessment and maximizes the use of existing information and local knowledge of levee performance. Screening results will be used to rank levees by relative risk to help inform decisions about future actions to improve public safety associated with the levees.

- Staff is currently reviewing the RD 1001 draft System-Wide Improvement Framework (SWIF) documents. The deadline to submit to USACE for their review is November 18.
- The Department of Water Resources (DWR) Flood Maintenance Office submitted two SWIF Letters of Intent (LOI) to CVFPB staff. One LOI is for two levee systems: MA 05 Unit 1 - Butte Creek Left Bank and MA 05 Unit 2 - Butte Creek Right Bank, and the other is for the Putah Creek Unit 1 - Yolo Bypass - Willow Slough Unit 2 levee system. The transmittal from the CVFPB to USACE is scheduled for CVFPB Consent at the November CVFPB meeting.
- Staff received USACE Sacramento District comments for the draft SWIF documents for the MA 9 – City of Sacramento – American River left bank levee system and the RD 1000 – Natomas Levee System. Staff is working closely with the LMAs to address those and submit revised draft SWIF.

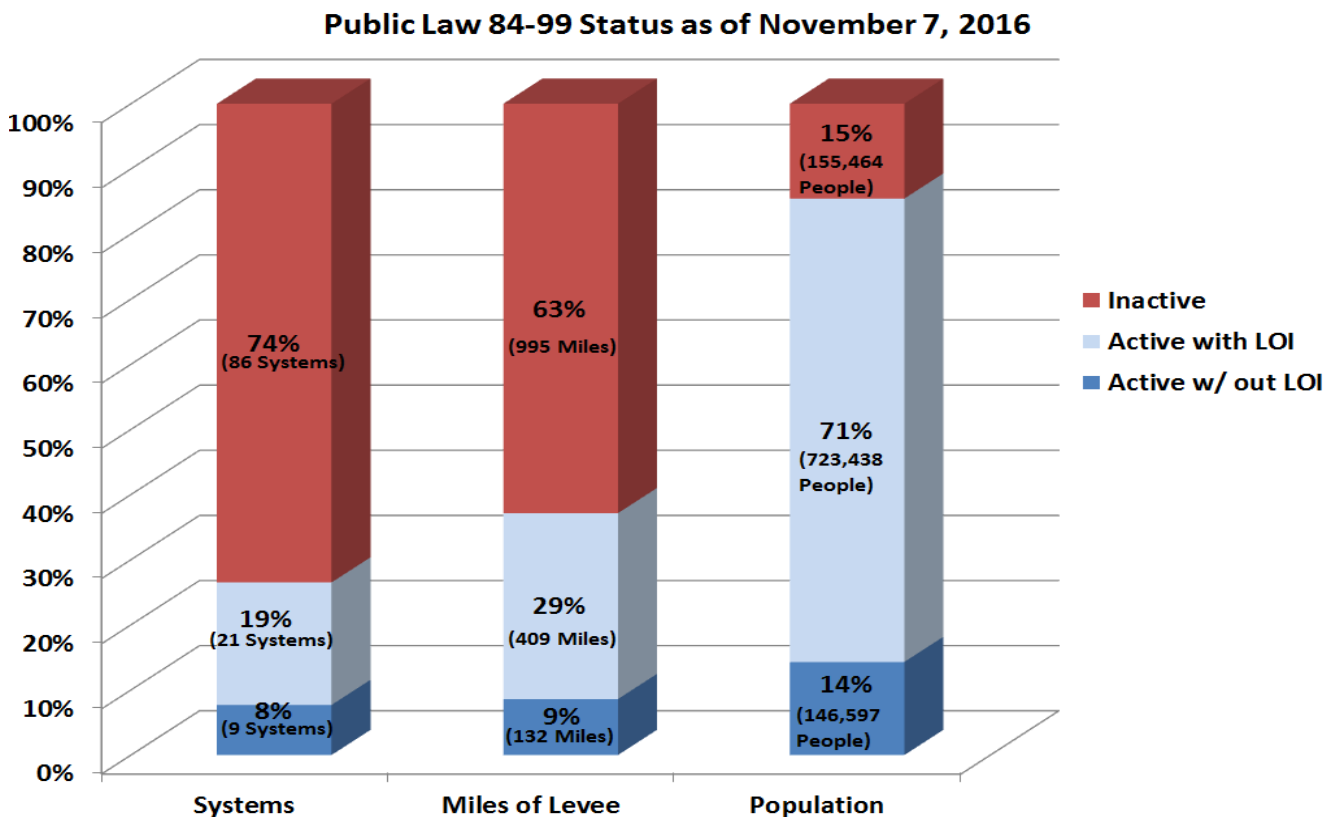
2. CVFPB Enforcement Program

- An Enforcement hearing for the Sutter Bypass damage caused by a vehicle getting stuck on the waterside toe of the levee will be scheduled for early 2017. DWR Sacramento Maintenance Yard did an emergency repair and requested a reimbursement hearing.
- As part of the Enforcement Authority Delegation (EAD) Program, staff met with City of Sacramento personnel to re-visit 38 encroachment locations in their area that were noted in their USACE Periodic Inspection report to document changes in field condition. Staff will be working with the City to address these encroachments.
- Staff mailed out three Compliance Letters, one Fact-Finding Letter (FFL), and one Notice of Violation (NOV). Staff is also in the middle of reviewing three Removal & Repair Plans, and preparing two NOV's and three FFLs for mailing.

3. PL 84-99 levee system status as of November 7, 2016

The data and chart below represent the most updated information about PL84-99 eligibility. There has been no change in the results since the October EO report.

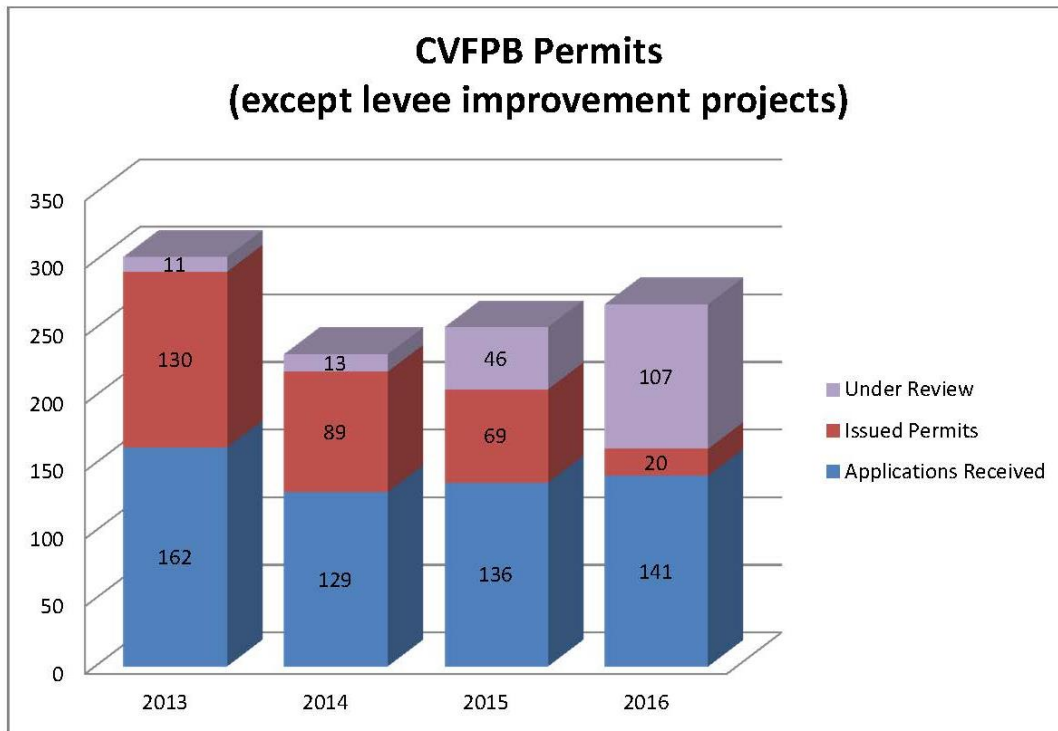
- Systems: 74% Inactive, 8% Active w/ out Letter of Intent (LOI), 19% Active w/ LOI
- Mileage: 63% Inactive, 9% Active w/ out LOI, 29% Active w/ LOI
- Population: 15% Inactive, 14% Active w/ out LOI, 71% Active w/ LOI



Permitting Section

- Staff continues to attend monthly coordination meetings with DWR's Inspection Section and the USACE Flood Protection and Navigation Section (408 Section). The meetings focus on USACE inspections/re-inspections/levee screenings and CVFPB encroachment updates. DWR inspectors bring on-the-ground insight and recommendations to the discussion. A brief overview of some of the items discussed at this month's meeting that pertains to the Permitting Section is presented below.
 1. DWR's Deferred Maintenance Project: Field reconnaissance and assessment for all gravity drain pipes below the levee freeboard is continuing. Approximately 80% of all State maintained areas have been completed. Video inspections are scheduled to commence in February 2017. It is anticipated that work will begin on the pipes that have been ranked highest priority in July 2017.
 2. USACE O&M Manual updates are complete. An official transmittal letter to the Board's EO is currently being routed for signature. All manuals will include a copy of the transmittal letter in addition to a revised date on the cover. All updated O&M Manuals will be placed on DWR's California Data Exchange Center website.
- For the interim face-to-face meetings will be conducted in place of the biweekly conference calls with the 408 Section. It was concluded that both technical and environmental staff should meet to discuss outstanding applications that have been with the 408 Section for more than nine months. Current environmental laws are proving to be the critical path for most backlogged applications and these meetings will help ensure that application reviews are progressing as quickly as possible and all required information, both technical and environmental, has been provided to the 408 Section.
- The 408 Section held a Brown Bag informational briefing this month with the project side of the Corps. The 408 process and policies were discussed to ensure continuity between the two branches with regard to encroachments that may need to be modified or relocated as a result of a Corps project. Three Board staff also attended the briefing.

The following graph depicts the number of applications that have been received and issued by the Permitting Section since January 1, 2013 as of November 9, 2016. The numbers are reflective of the date when the applications were received.



The following two (2) tables provide more detailed information about the permitting process and the various stages of the review. Table 1 provides a status breakdown of **all** permit applications from 2013, 2014, 2015, and through November 9, 2016. The numbers are reflective of the date the applications were received. Table 2 provides a status breakdown for all Executive Officer Delegated Permits from January 2015 through September 2016. The numbers in this table are reflective of when the applications were posted to the Board's website.

Permitting Section Update

Table 1: Application Status Breakdown of All Permit Applications

	2013	2014	2015	2016	Total
Total New Applications Received	162	129	136	141	568
Issued Permits	130	89	69	20	308
Incomplete Applications Returned to Applicant	1	1	1	3	6
Application Withdrawn by Applicant	3	10	7	2	22
No Response by Applicant Administratively Closed	7	6	3	0	16
No Permit Required	10	8	10	9	37
Permit Denial	0	2	0	0	2
Under Enforcement	3	3	1	0	7
Future Scheduled Applications	4	8	37	49	98
Reviewing for Completeness	4	1	5	57	67
Approved by Board but Need USACE Letter	0	1	3	1	5

Table 2: Executive Officer Delegated Permit Status

Month	Posted	Issued	With Enforcement	With Applicant	With USACE
January	7	4	1	1	1
February	2	1	0	1	0
March	1	1	0	0	0
April	1	1	0	0	0
May	4	2	1	0	1
June	2	2	0	0	0
July	8	8	0	0	0
August	6	2	0	1	3
September	2	2	0	0	0
October	2	2	0	0	0
November	1	0	0	0	1
December	3	3	0	0	0
January 2016	7	6	0	0	1
February	1	1	0	0	0
March	8	7	0	0	1
April	3	2	0	0	1
May	8	4	0	0	4
June	10	3	0	0	7
July	7	0	0	0	7
August	2	2	0	0	0
September	2	0	0	0	1
October	4	0	0	0	4
Totals	91	53	2	3	27

Additional information about Executive Officer Delegated Permits can be viewed on the Board's website @: <http://www.cvpfb.ca.gov/DelegatedPermitTab/index.cfm> Spreadsheets for each month provide descriptive information about the proposed project and the CEQA findings.